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Treatment of Sepsis

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001, Applicants request the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered for the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

B1 4 (twice-amended). A method of treating a
pathophysiological state in an animal, wherein in said
pathophysiological state an increase in generation of ceramide from
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